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## ORDER OF THE BOARD OF CONTRACT APPEALS

**December 27, 2005** 

## Opinion for the Board by Administrative Judge POLLACK.

These appeals arise out of a Standard Reinsurance Agreement (SRA) between Blakely Crop Hail, Inc., and the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC). The appeals concern separate compliance case determinations involving two separate insured producers, R&R Partnership and Larry Hunt. The Risk Management Agency had determined, that Blakely had failed to follow standard policy and approved procedures as required by the SRA and further determined that the insurance company and producers did not adequately establish that losses were the result of an insurable cause.

This appeal was initially assigned to Judge Anne Westbrook, who retired in August 2005. At the time she retired, a tentative hearing date had been scheduled for October 2005. The case was then reassigned and a conference was held between the new presiding judge and counsel for the parties. The hearing was postponed and the parties indicated that they would like some time to engage in discussions. Thereafter, by letter of December 16, 2005, the parties advised the Board that they had settled the appeals. The settlement agreement of the parties called for dismissal with prejudice on the payment of the settlement amount.

## **DECISION**

The appeals in this matter have been settled by the parties. Accordingly, the appeals are dismissed with prejudice.

HOWARD A. POLLACK

Administrative Judge

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